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REMARKS

Applicants submit this Supplemental Response to further amend claim 48. In addition, Applicants also specifically respond to the following statement in the Office Communication dated November 17, 2004: "applicants have failed to adequately respond to the rejection of claim 46, set forth within paragraph 5 of Office Action. The amendment to claim 47 does not address the issue with respect to independent claim 46."

Applicants traverse the rejection of claim 46. The outstanding Office Action stated "[i]t is unclear how compound (ab) having at least one active hydrogen is to react with the unsaturated carbonyl or nitrile compounds when the active hydrogen is present as a hydroxyl group." Since claim 46 does not recite "hydroxyl groups," Applicants submit the rejection of claim 46 is improper. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 46 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 46-50 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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